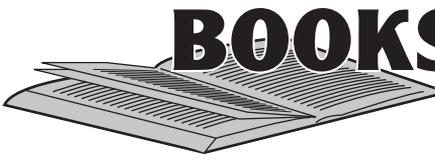


# BOOKS WORTH READING



## A Compelling Story Of Injustice And Survival

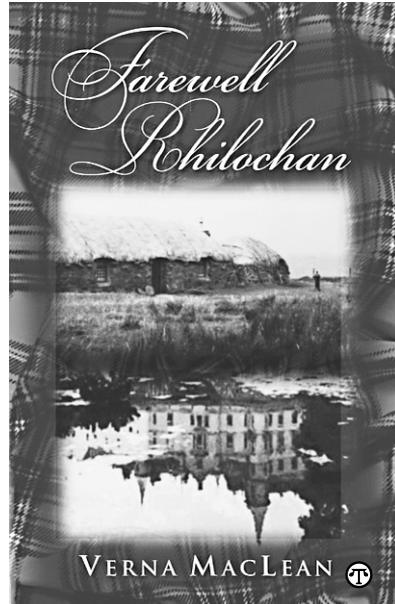
(NAPS)—What if you were told that you must abandon your home and way of earning a living within a week to travel to an uncertain future on barren land?

That's what happened to many families during the "Highland Clearances" of 1806. Ancient warrior clans had lived in the Scottish highlands for untold centuries, until the clearances forced tens of thousands of men and women from their homes, often violently, so the land could be cleared for large-scale sheep farming. Many of the displaced were forced to settle on barren land, some had to emigrate and many starved to death.

This heartbreaking setting is the dramatic background for "Farewell Rhilochan" by Verna MacLean. In this gripping story of survival and the undying human spirit, MacLean tells the story of Catherine MacFarlane, a young, untaught Highland woman who is torn between loyalty to her people and her desire to learn of and embrace the larger world.

Forced to burn their own homes, to abandon everything they knew and embark on an exodus, the characters of the novel eloquently illustrate a journey blighted by injustice and graced with improbable love and human kindness.

Catherine suffers the hardships and struggles with her feelings of anger against the cruelty and injustice. Her mother dies during the journey and her brother-in-law Charles departs for the city to find work, while her father has nothing to live for in the new place—and they are afraid they will all soon starve.



**"Farewell Rhilochan" is a story of survival and the undying human spirit.**

Yet Catherine finds unexpected friendship and kindness.

To create this compelling story, MacLean studied the history of Scotland's Highland Clearances. The novel provides a vivid and useful reader's bibliography of her subject.

Readers can learn about the lifestyle, the beliefs and superstitions of the Highland Scots, many of whom emigrated to America. The novel covers not only the dispossession of a small community but the struggle of the Highland Gaels to maintain their identity.

"Farewell Rhilochan" is available wherever books are sold or by visiting [www.newworldpressbooks.com](http://www.newworldpressbooks.com) or calling (800) 915-5969.

### Book Notes

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